

**Director of Christian Formation**  
Episcopal Church of the Ascension \*April 20, 2022

Episcopal Church of the Ascension is a diverse, welcoming parish seeking a person passionate about faith-formation in children, youth, and adults, who will develop this ministry as an integral part of the overall parish programming. We hope to continue our work aimed at maintaining and growing vibrant Christian Formation programs.

**Job Description**

*A ministry of personal presence and hands-on work, leading a team of carefully chosen and well-prepared volunteers to help children and young adults grow “into the full stature of Christ”.*

**Objectives**

- Collaborate with staff and lay leadership to create comprehensive formation offerings for all ages.
- Provide our children and youth with opportunities to cultivate a faith that is their own.
- Assist staff and lay leadership to lead and facilitate events throughout the year.
- Work cooperatively with other staff members and lay leadership to develop an integrated approach to Christian education/formation that fosters a spirit of Christian community.
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**Responsibilities**

**1. Christian Education**

- Provide direction, guidance, and vision for Christian Education at Ascension, including Youth Group (Middle School and High School offerings beyond Sunday morning) and Sunday Education Hour offerings for all ages
- Recruit, train and encourage volunteer leaders to implement the vision for children’s programs in ways consistent with the parish’s overall vision and best practices for the care and nurturing of children.
- Develop and maintain community contacts to enhance opportunities for education, mission, outreach, and networking
- Coordinate and lead special events and programs for learning, fellowship, worship, and service, including, but not limited to Bible Camp, All Saints’ Day, Advent, Lent, Easter, Ascension Day, and Pentecost
- Coordinate participation in Diocesan Camp, EYE, mission trips, and pilgrimage
- Build pastoral relationships with parents and children, and with the leaders of children’s ministries.
- Provide learning and fellowship opportunities for parents and other adults to aid them as they parent and encourage the development of Christian faith in children.
- Coordinate programs with our Anti-Racism Task Force

**2. Worship**

- Participate in regular and seasonal worship offerings at Ascension
- Integrate members of all ages into the life and worship of the congregation
- Coordinate and lead Children’s Chapel

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**3. Administration**

- Participate in staff meetings to ensure room needs are met for formation programs
- Coordinate education/formation needs, calendar, space, staffing, and financial resources with other staff, work areas, and church leaders to enhance the total life and ministry of the church.
- Publicize Christian formation activities through the bulletin, @Ascension email, website, and social media in a timely and compelling manner
- Oversee Christian Formation Budget
- Coordinate nursery staff for worship services and events

**Education and Experience:**

The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's Degree (required) and three or more years of experience working in Children's Ministry and/or Christian Education.

**Accountability:**

This is a full-time position that reports to the Rector and works in collaboration with the Christian Formation Committee.

All ministry staff members are regularly reviewed and expected to set goals for themselves and for their ministries.

Staff members are expected to work within applicable parish and diocesan policies.

All applicants must agree to a background check and to participate, once hired, in Safe Church training, aimed at preventing child sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the Church.